

S-177
Ritzel House
Westover
Private

c. 1890-1900

The Ritzel House is a c. 1890-1900 two-story, three-bay frame dwelling which stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of MD 413 and MD 361 at the south end of Westover. It is one of two dozen late 19th-century houses which comprise the village. The projecting front bay provides the remodeled house with a slightly different appearance and its associations with the neighboring flour mill raises the significance of the structure.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ritzel House

2. Location

street & number NW corner of MD 413 and MD 361 ___ not for publication

city, town Westover ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lucille Ritzel (Mrs. James A.)

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Westover state and zip code Maryland 21871

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ritzel House is a c. 1890-1900 two-story three-bay frame house which stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of MD 413 and MD 361 at the south end of Westover, Somerset County, Maryland. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The two-story T-plan frame house is fully sheathed with aluminum and covered by an asphalt tile shingle roof. A minimal brick foundation supports the structure.

The east ~~side~~^{side} is three bays across and highlighted by a projecting center bay. The three-sided bay is covered by a projecting gable-front roof and is pierced by single pane sash windows. The front door is covered by a single bay gable-front stoop supported by turned posts. Flanking the center bay on both floors are single pane sash windows with aluminum shutters. Twin corbelled brick chimneys rise from the center of the house and flank the hall.

The north and south gable ends are virtually the same with window openings on each floor a pointed arch window lights the attic.

Extending to the rear is a two-story service wing with single-story shed additions extending from each side. An interior end brick stack rises from the gable.

A small frame outbuilding with a pyramidal roof stands immediately south of the kitchen door. This building is also covered with aluminum siding.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Ritzel House is one of two-dozen late 19th-century dwellings which comprise the village of Westover. The projecting front bay provides the remodeled house with a slightly different appearance than others in the village.

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